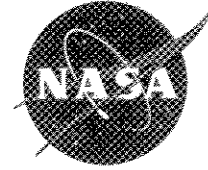


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the 50th
Anniversary of UCAR and NCAR Reception on May 12, 2010

On May 12, 2010, the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), will host a reception at the Russell Senate Office Building, Room SR385, in Washington, D.C., from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. This year's reception is in conjunction with a regularly scheduled board meeting and to celebrate the UCAR's 50th anniversary.

The reception will be attended by representatives of the aerospace industry, trade associations, the media, Congressional staffers, Congress, academia, and other Federal agencies.

Approximately 150 people have been invited and is expected to attend. The estimated cost of the reception, which includes all food and beverages, is \$45.00 per person. I find that the UCAR event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in C.F.R. § 2635.204(g).

I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at the reception will allow NASA representatives to speak on areas of interest to NASA, and to discuss NASA's programs and plans. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect UCAR or a majority of all of its members, including NASA employees who are in non-career positions in which Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge, may accept an invitation for free attendance to the reception for themselves and their spouses or guests.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i), regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".
for Adam F. Greenstone